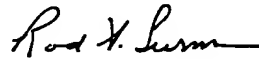


International Bureau on February 15, 2000. However, in view of the Examiner's comments in the Written Opinion concerning Claim 4, Applicants hereby resubmit the amendments contained herein.

Applicants respectfully request entry and consideration of this Amendment under Article 34 in preparing the International Preliminary Examination Report.

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